# Total Cost of Attendance at California's Public Universities

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#### What does "total cost of attendance" include?

The "total cost of attendance" for a student typically includes all required institutional charges for full-time enrollment during the academic year (which doesn't include summer school), the cost of on-campus board and room for the academic year, and the cost of books and supplies, transportation, clothes, and personal expenses for a typical student.

## What are total attendance costs at the California State University?

For undergraduate California residents, the total cost of attending a campus of the California State University during the 1997-98 academic year is estimated at \$10,577 with some of the State University's campuses being higher and others lower than this average.

This total is lower than that estimated for seven of the 15 other public university campuses with which the State University compares itself in terms of faculty salaries and \$333 less than the average of the 15:

University of Connecticut	\$13,654
Rutgers, The State University	
of New Jersey, Newark	13,222
George Mason University (Virginia)	12,631
State University of New York, Albany	11,950
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	11,613
University of Nevada, Reno	11,408
Illinois State University	11,123
Cleveland State University	10,418
Georgia State University*	10,415
Arizona State University	10,369
Wayne State University	10,170

University of Texas, Arlington	9,741
University of Colorado, Denver*	9,526
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee	9,159
North Carolina State University	<u>8,256</u>
Average of the 15 other universities	\$10,910

These differences are displayed graphically on the reverse side.

## What are total attendance costs at the University of California?

For undergraduate California residents, the total cost of attending one of the eight comprehensive campuses of the University of California during the 1997-98 academic year is estimated at \$13,494, with some of the University's eight comprehensive campuses being higher and others lower than this average.

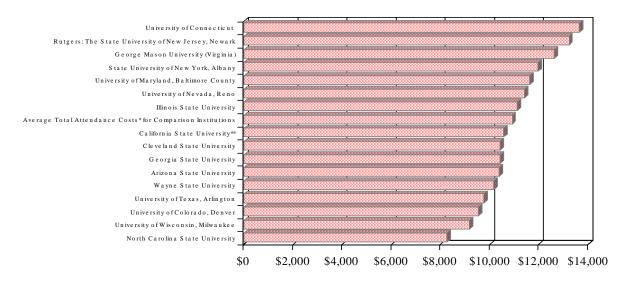
This total is higher than that estimated for three of the four other public universities with which the University compares itself in terms of faculty salaries and \$1,446 higher than the average of the four:

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	\$13,716
State University of New York, Buffalo	12,069
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	11,568
University of Virginia	10,840
Average of the four other universities	\$12.048

These differences in total costs of attendance are also displayed graphically on the reverse side.

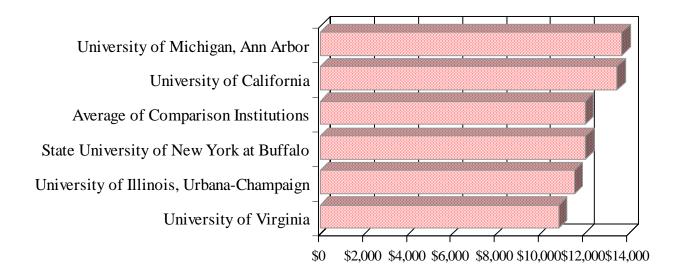
<sup>\*</sup> These campuses do not have on-campus housing; total costs for these campuses include the average on-campus housing costs at the 13 other comparison institutions.

#### Average Total Attendance Costs for Resident Undergraduate Students at the California State University and Its Fifteen Public Faculty Salary Comparison Institutions, 1997-98



Total Attendance Costs, 1997-98

Average Total Attendance Costs for Resident Undergraduate Students at the University of California and Its Four Public Faculty Salary Comparison Institutions, 1997-98



Total Attendance Costs, 1997-98